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READY TO MARCH . . . Members of the Torrance Area Youth Band are shown here as they prepare to move out and join the parade line-up during last week's annual Santa Claus Lane Parade in Hollywood. The band was one of several picked to provide music for the annual Christmas parade down Hollywood Boulevard. The parade is traditionally one of the first of the Christmas season in the Southland. (Press-Herald Photo)

Negotiating Team Plan Hit by Board

Advisor May Be Hired

Bert Lynn, a member of the Board of Education for the Torrance Unified School District, lashed out Monday against an administration proposal to revise the district's representation on the negotiating council.

As a preface to his remarks, Lynn said he did not know why the proposal was put on the agenda at Monday night's joint meeting with the North High PTA membership, but said he wanted to take the opportunity to explain to the audience some of the problems facing the Board of Education in the area of teacher negotiations.

Lynn attacked a proposal to create a staff negotiating team by pointing out that it is counter to what the board wants. He said the board is not in favor of a negotiating team. He expressed satisfaction with the job done by Dr. Robert Morton who has gained invaluable experience in this field. Dr. Morton is the assistant superintendent of schools in charge of personnel.

IN ADDITION to using Dr. Morton's background in negotiations, Lynn said the board plans to hire a consultant in labor executive management to represent the school district.

"Teachers in Torrance and other school districts are represented by the most powerful lobby in the United States," Lynn said in referring to the National Education Association.

Lynn believes the taxpayers should also be represented by a consultant or public relations man skilled in employer negotiations.

THE PROPOSAL submitted to the Board of Education Monday night would have empowered School Superintendent Dr. J. H. Hull to recommend representatives from six major divisions of the district office and each school level to the Board of Education for approval.

The purpose of the staff negotiating team would be to meet with the board's representative to consider items submitted on the negotiating council agenda. Members of the team would be available to provide background information when discussion involved their area of specialization.

A further proposal that the position of board representative be rotated among the six assistant superintendents on an annual basis met with objection by both Lynn and Mrs. Polly Watts of the board.

MRS. WATTS said there was an imbalance of high school and elementary school representation on the negotiating team totally unacceptable to her.

Further testimony for the retention of Dr. Morton as the negotiating representative was offered by board chairman Dr. Owen Griffith who dwelled on experience already attained by Dr. Morton.

Certified employees (teachers) in the Torrance School District have organized representation through the Torrance Education Association.



JUNIOR CITIZENS . . . Arthur Horkay (kneeling), city traffic engineer, discusses the day's program with his replacement, Kathy Panovich of South High (seated), while others participating in yesterday's Junior Citizens' Day program hold their own conference. In the back are (from left) Mayor Albert Isen; Mark Hubert of North High, student mayor; Walter Koenig, chief of police; Vince Strand of Bishop Montgomery High School, who served as student police chief; and George O'Brien, United States Marshal. O'Brien was the featured speaker at Tuesday's luncheon program. (Press-Herald Photo)

Junior Citizens' Day

Marshal Outlines Duties

When all around you people are rioting, don't just stand there. Get out. This was the advice of U.S. Marshal George O'Brien to Torrance's student government officials during the city's 12th annual Junior Citizens' Day.

O'Brien was featured speaker at a luncheon highlighting the day-long event. "It takes courage to oppose agitation," O'Brien told the students, "but remember it's only

2 per cent who keep the 98 per cent from their studies. And a person can get into trouble standing around near rioters."

PRECEDING his words of advice, O'Brien described the duties of the United States Marshal's office to his audience. The oldest federal law enforcement agency in the United States, the marshal's office was organized just five months after George Washington took office, O'Brien said. Currently, there are 97 federal marshals—each of which is assigned a staff of deputies and clerical help.

The federal marshals, who come under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department, are plainclothesmen and drive unmarked vehicles, O'Brien stated. They furnish deputies to carry out the law where local jurisdictions fail to do so.

IN RECENT YEARS, he commented, U.S. Marshals have sent deputies to schools and colleges which failed to carry out desegregation legislation; to Baltimore, Md., to a trial of draft protesters; and to courtrooms trying civil rights cases where the deputies guarded the jurors.

Duties of the U.S. Marshal described by O'Brien included: keeping order in court where disturbances are expected; handling the serving of processes and warrants of arrest; seizure and sale of goods and property; and taking custody of property used as evidence in criminal court.

O'BRIEN'S duties have ranged from dumping beer not brewed under sanitary conditions into the ocean to seizing so-called miracle devices for weight-reducing. One of the less pleasant recent duties assigned to the U.S. marshal's office, he said, was evicting squatters from federal

property along the Colorado River who had resided there for 30 years.

Other luncheon speakers included: Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools; Mayor Albert Isen; and Mark Hubert of North High School, student mayor for the day.

Fishing Barge Capsizes

The Sacramento — once the queen of the San Francisco ferry fleet — capsized in heavy seas off Redondo Beach early Monday and sank.

The 300-foot boat had been moored about two miles off Redondo Beach as a fishing platform for nearly 12 years. The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

No one was aboard the barge when heavy winds and strong ground-swell capsized her. The pilot cabin drifted into the shore off Palos Verdes and broke up.

The barge was towed to Redondo Beach in 1956 and converted into a fishing platform. She had just recently been towed back into place after a \$10,000 overhaul in a Long Beach drydock.

November Permits Top \$3.4 Million

Building permits valued at more than \$3.4 million were issued by the city of Torrance during November, bringing to nearly \$40 million the value of new construction during the current year.

John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety, said 140 building permits and 31 mechanical permits were issued during the month. Actual valuation of the permits was pegged at \$3,479,440.

A total of 2,540 permits have been issued by the city since Jan. 1 for a total valuation of \$39,979,265, McKinnon added.

CONSTRUCTION permits for apartment units accounted for nearly half the November total. McKinnon noted in his monthly report. Ten permits, valued at \$1,738,195 were issued. They will provide for 144 new apartment units.

New commercial facilities

valued at \$648,000 were started under permits issued during November, and additions to commercial buildings accounted for another \$745,000 in building permits.

There were no permits issued for single-family homes during the month.

LARGEST of the permits issued went to Blair Worthy Investments for a 42-unit apartment complex at 3477 Maricopa St. Four permits, each valued in excess of \$200,000, were issued to Duo Quorum Apartments for a total of 74 units in the 18300 block of Bailey Drive and the 18300 block of Amie Avenue.

A third major apartment complex is under construction at 20350 Anza Ave. Valued at \$274,000, it will contain 16 units. Other major permits issued during the month include one valued at \$157,000 for construction of a major new restaurant

at 21785 Hawthorne Blvd., and a permit valued at \$388,000 for foundation work on a six-story professional building to be located at 3400 Lomita Blvd.

Robbery Suspect Jailed

A 29-year-old Redondo Beach man was jailed early yesterday morning about an hour after the Jump 'n Jack Motel was robbed of \$50.

Arrested as he walked along Hawthorne Boulevard just North Pacific Coast Highway was William Edward Lucado, of 2119 Curtis Ave., Redondo Beach.

Police said Lucado fit the description of a gunman who held up the Jump 'n Jack Motel about 1:40 a.m. Tuesday. The gunman took \$38 from the motel clerk on duty, Pat Parisi of Los Angeles.

Officers also said Lucado had a loaded gun in his possession when he was arrested.

GUNMEN escaped with more than \$1200 in three other robberies which occurred over the weekend.

More than \$700 was taken from a shoe store at 29616 Hawthorne Blvd. by a man who entered the store Saturday evening and asked for a pair of black wing-tip shoes.

Two armed men robbed a market at 3541 Artesia Blvd. of \$250 Sunday about 11 p.m. after picking up a tube of toothpaste and then ordering the clerk to "put all the money in a bag — everything."

The third robbery occurred about 10:20 p.m. Monday when two men walked into a liquor store at 16602 Crenshaw Blvd., flashed guns, took \$269, then handcuffed the clerk before leaving.

In Carson Area

Refinery Fumes Kill Two Men

Deadly hydrogen sulfide fumes leaked out of a tank at Carson's Atlantic Richfield Refinery plant Monday night, killing two men and sending a third to the hospital.

Dead were: Roger S. Behrends, 25, of Long Beach.

William A. Scroggins, 40, of Norwalk.

Hospitalized and reported recovering at Long Beach Memorial Hospital was John Stegall, 24, of Cypress.

SPOKESMEN for the refinery at 1801 Sepulveda Blvd., said it was Behrends' first day on the job. He and the other two men were part of a maintenance crew sent to service a regenerator

atop a 50-foot tower containing the sulfide tank.

When the men had reached the top they became aware of escaping gas and immediately started back down. But one of the trio, either Scroggins or Behrends, went back up for tools he had left. When he failed to return the other man went after him.

WHEN neither returned, Stegall started up the ladder to see what happened but was overcome and fell, suffering a head injury when he hit the ground.

"When they didn't show up I started up the ladder," he said. "I don't know how far I got before I felt the stuff hit me in the face. I started to back down and that's all I remember."